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Miss Bertha Arnold of 426 Seventh street, Washington, D. C., has taken BROWN'S IRON BITTERS and they all think it a splendid tonic.

MENTAL GEOGRAPHY.

THE largest river is Time. The deepest ocean is Death. The region where no living thing hath habitation is called Yesterday. The most highly civilized country is Today. The highest mountain is called Success. Few reach the top save those who wait sharply for the passing of the spirit of the mountain Opportunity, who carries upward all those that seize hold upon him. The region where no man hath ever set foot is called Tomorrow. The greatest desert is called Life, and it hath many canyons. These are called Hope, and Ambition, and Love, and Charity, and Home. And of them all the last is the most beautiful. Besides these are many other smaller in extent, whence the traveler obtaineth refreshment during the weary journey through Life.

It puzzled Her. It was her first visit to the city, and she was naturally much interested in everything she saw. "But I wouldn't live here for the world," she said.

"Wouldn't live here?" exclaimed her city friend. "No, indeed, I wouldn't."

"But think of the theaters and the opera. Very nice, of course," admitted the country girl, "and I would like to come to the city and see and hear them, but I wouldn't live here, just the same."

"Think of the big stores and the facilities for shopping," persisted the city girl. "I have."

"And the social gaiety." "It's all very enjoyable, but I'd rather live in the country."

"But we have more of the comforts and luxuries of life, more of everything that makes life worth living."

The country girl shook her head.

"You lack the best thing of all," she said decidedly. "I don't see how you ever got married."

"Married! I don't understand you," returned the city girl.

"Where do you do your courting?" asked the country girl. "I don't believe I have seen a front gate to swing on during the whole time I have been here."—Chicago



SOCIETY HAS LITTLE TO DO

Harmless Gaieties Engage the Odd Hours of the Fashionable.

Remains of the Engagement of Several New York Notables—White House Events.

Theater parties, luncheons, and skating parties are filling up the days of the society girls. The time of afternoon service, and every minute is occupied with pleasure or prayer.

The daughters of the Revolution have made much of the gaiety of the last few days by their charming presence. The congress is even welcomed cordially by all, for it means attractive women, handsomely gowned, enthusiastic, such as the capital delights to entertain.

Mrs. Cleveland held a reception at 12:30 today at the Executive Mansion to entertain the "Daughters."

Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. McLean will give a dinner February 9.

The engagement of Lieut. John Trivette Myers, son of the late Gen. Abram Myers, of Washington, to Miss Anna Brinton of Philadelphia is announced.

Miss Walcott will give a valentine party this evening at 9 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Warren of Baltimore are spending a part of the week in Washington.

Lieut. Archibald Campbell, U. S. A., now stationed in Washington, is visiting in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Clements gave a musicale last evening in honor of Rev. Clarence Bishop, rector of St. Michaels and All Angels' Church, the occasion being in the nature of a farewell.

The artists of the evening were Mrs. Daisy Louise Fox, Miss H. Prentiss Donohue, Mr. J. Barton Miller, Mr. John Porter Lawrence, Miss Julia Randall Elliott, Miss D. Myrtle Dexter, Miss Mullaly, and Rev. Mr. Bishop, who rendered four beautiful songs.

The ladies assisting Miss Clements were Mrs. Yates, Miss Amy Bruce Tongue, Miss Von Daubenhause, Miss Camp and Miss Mullaly.

Among the guests were Mrs. De Bonsett, Mrs. Stanton, Miss Stanton, Mrs. J. Smith Thompson, Jr., Miss J. Clements, Dr. Wood, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Hay, Mr. Falls, Mr. Herbert Rich, Mrs. Monroe Elliott, Misses Cooke, Mr. Curry, Miss Manning, Miss Byng, Miss Lawrence, Mr. Burton, Mr. Allen, Dr. and Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Hyatt, Miss Magruder, Mrs. C. W. Bishop, Dr. and Mrs. Radcliffe, Mrs. Dexter, Misses Radcliffe, Misses Bradley, Miss Bullamore, Mrs. Camp, Miss Hayden, Miss Venzie, Miss Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Smith, Misses Bunge, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Burdette, Mr. Dodge, Miss Ellis, Mr. Zimmerman, Mrs. Howly, Mrs. T. Sprig, Blanford, Mr. Clifford Montague Bigelow, Mrs. Comstock, Mr. Comstock, Miss Hines, Mr. Warfield, Miss Comstock, Mr. and Mrs. Gillett, Mrs. Pope and Mr. Fernan.

It is believed that the engagement of William Waldorf Astor and Lady Randolph Churchill, formerly Miss Jennie Jerome, of New York, will shortly be announced. Mrs. Astor died December 22, 1894, and Lord Randolph Churchill died January 24, 1895.

Both the parties to this putative engagement are among the best-known of Americans outside of official life. Rumors of this alliance have long been prevalent, but not till the present has anything approaching a definite announcement been made.

Not the least interesting of the rumors in this connection has been that the queen will confer knighthood on Mr. Astor after the marriage. An excuse for this can be found in the fact that the queen has been approaching a definite announcement been made.

The bride is forty-three years old, and is a daughter of Lawrence Jerome, of New York. Two of her sisters also married Englishmen of rank, though neither so brilliantly as she.

Ten years ago it was thought that her husband, Lord Randolph Churchill, would one day be prime minister of England, but a sudden and mysterious death, and the subsequent retirement from public life, and he afterward died of softening of the brain, a complete wreck.

Mrs. Astor was a Miss Paul of Philadelphia. She was a woman of fine character and attainments. Her death was remarkable for one thing, and that was one of the most vulgar displays of want of feeling and common decency on the part of her husband's family ever chronicled of fashionable New York people.

A petty dispute had arisen between her and the wife of a businessman as to whose husband was the head of the family, and which woman was, in consequence, entitled to be called "Mrs. Astor." The other claimant to this dignity, when the Philadelphia wife died, attended a fashionable ball, dancing away some of the hours when her husband's wife lay dead in her home.

Mr. Astor has several children. One is a daughter, soon to make her debut in society. Both Lady Churchill and Mr. Astor have been bereaved within about a twelve-month, in their supposed engagement, therefore, is kept as quiet as possible, as being in better taste.

Mirth and merriment reigned supreme last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kahler, No. 740 Tenth street southeast, the occasion being a party given by the Jolly Three, a club composed of three young ladies.

Meers, Harry O'Neill and William Goodman, attired as Southern plantation

grooms, amused those present for a half hour or more by their jokes and antics. Mr. William Goodman executed a very clever clog dance; Mr. William Goodman rendered several selections on the piano, which were well received, and Misses Mary, Rose, and Georgia Kahler, and Ada Turner favored the company with vocal selections. Games, recitations, and dancing were also indulged in.

Besides the above-named, there were present Mrs. Harry O'Neill, Misses Daisy August, Gertrude Greenfield, Eva and Goldie Denison, Bessie Maryland, Flora Miller, Minnie Zellar, Minto and Susie Lucas, Victoria and Julia Warmacoste, Katie Bishop, Janie Thornton, Mamie August, Emma and Agnes Kahler, and Messrs. William and James Warner, William Duval, Frank Scott, Robert Hayes, Wallace Greenfield, Clarence Maryland, Edward and Frey Keatley, Fred Hoffman, William Gilbert, George Moran, Charles Lang, Lincoln Chase, William Lucas, Ernest and Riley Hunt, Edgar Emery, Perry Sweet, William Wilker, Wilson Oliver, Thomas Hill, and James Bishop.

The old rumor of an engagement between Miss Virginia Fair and H. Maitland Kersey has again been revived in New York. The fact that Miss Fair and Mr. Kersey sailed for Europe a week ago yesterday on the same steamer, the Majestic, has lent color to the report, and those in a position to know consider this very significant. Mr. Kersey's devotion to the beautiful young California heiress has been an open secret for several years, indeed, an engagement between them has been reported on several occasions.

The barrier to their marriage is said to be a former Mrs. Kersey, who, the story goes, lives out West, separated from the young Englishman by divorce. Miss Fair is a very devout Catholic, and as such does not recognize a marriage with any one who has been divorced.

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FASHION STRAWS.

THE OVERSKIRT is slowly making its way into the ranks of fashion.

THERE is a rage for braided costumes abroad, and it has reached America. New costume braids are used that are wider than sash.

FLARING wing effects are still a dominant characteristic of spring millinery, but are somewhat modified in their spreading width upon the head.

WITH dressy post-Lenten costumes will again be worn single or double-breasted Spanish jackets, rounded in front, or cut square in Russian style.

PALE primrose-yellow gloves are very fashionably worn with evening toilets. The rival to these gloves is a long velvety mousquetaire glove in cream white.

STEM green is a very fashionable shade, both in dress and millinery. It harmonizes beautifully with all shades of rose, violet, dahlia, petunia, daffodil red, and some of the blue dyes.

GOWNS of cloth or silk that have begun to show winter service are being rejuvenated with smart, little-basque bodies of broadened silk. The basques are rippled, or in flat coat tails, and there is commonly a vest of chiffon or white satin, and maybe revers of the same.

FUR wraps, of course, cannot yet be entirely discarded, but gowns are dropping their skin trimmings as if by magic, and there is a very spring-like look about some of the new mantles.

FOR the skirts of the cloth gowns there is an arrangement of big tucks that is effective and easily managed. The tucks are three inches deep and three in number, but the front and back breadth of the skirt alone show them. A novel point is that no stitching appears at the outside of these tucks. The folds are pressed and caught down underneath, which gives to the loose surface a look of elegant simplicity.

A Placid Mind.

After all is said about the preservation of beauty upon which woman—even the new woman—is always and forever intent; after facial massage and steaming and exercise have had their due, the sun and exclusion of all ill, that a placid mind is the very best specific for good looks and prolonged youth. It is the worried mind that engraves lines on the forehead and digs hollows in the cheeks. Happily, the new psychology

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PADS FOR FAIR PENITENTS.

PRETTY prayer-books once more in evidence.

FIVE o'clock veppers now instead of 5 o'clock teas.

FOR forty days the lilies of the field will appear only in sash garments whose becomingness none can deny.

HOW would it be for the devout maiden to deny herself the pleasure of wearing big sleeves during Lent?

ONE serious maiden, whose hands are her special pride, denies herself the services of a manicure during the penitential season.

NEITHER sweets nor soda water for six weeks. Result, renewal of the becoming pink and white complexion.

COULD the devotedest of bicycle girls be persuaded to give up her beloved wheel for forty days?

UNLIKE gray gowns with a huge bunch of violets make an ideal substitute for sackcloth and ashes.

DURING the first flush of penitence even the smallest and earliest of carpet dances are frowned upon.

THE fashionable penitents are flocking to the winter resorts, where balmy breezes will restore their faded roses.

FORTY days before meditative maiden during which she may devise new gowns and decide the momentous question—big sleeves or little sleeves?

LECTURES, current topics, classes, what tournaments, beauty talks, portrait parties—many and various are the devices to break the monotony of the season of penitence.

THICK chiffon veils serve a double purpose. They shield the complexion from the sun, and during March winds and lend a touch of Lenten severity to the costume.

THE maiden who appreciates the proprieties of the penitential season will wear no roses for forty days, nor will she appear in a big hat covered with feathers.

THE Dose drop of the eyelid comes at a singularly fitting time, adding, as it does, the fair ones to give some outward and visible expression of their penitence. If the devout maiden who has scruples about going to the theater during Lent would but lay off her hat at the play she might save her conscience with the thought that she is doing good by example.

WHEN MARRIED.

A Young Matron Can Chapter Maids Much Older Than Herself.

A GROUP of charming girls were loudly denouncing the selfishness of Mr. Adams, a young married man of their acquaintance. A newcomer inquired the cause of complaint.

"Why, you see," said one, "he won't go to the Browns' party, and if Mr. Adams won't go, Mr. Adams won't go, and as Mrs. Adams was to chaperone us all we shall all have to stay at home."

Among the girls two were at least twenty-five and one over thirty. The last had been a high-minded, sensible young girl, and it seemed as if she might never be an adequate chaperone for her companions, but to have asserted herself in such a capacity would have involved one of two results—either she would have been looked upon as altogether passe or as extremely eccentric.

She was not ready to accept either judgment. When the lamented Mrs. Adams—a frivolous young woman of twenty—appeared she joined her voice to the earnest appeal made to her. For propriety of conduct or force of character she could not be compared to the other woman, and yet the latter felt that she could not go to the party except under the shadow of her wing.

No doubt the canon of society which decrees that a married woman, however young, may serve as a chaperone for girls, is a sensible basis, since marriage is, in itself, an education, and many an older single woman, through sheer innocence, might permit liberties which her married sister would be too wise to allow. But there is a limit to such rigidity of rule which good sense should be permitted to transcend.

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A Touch of White.

The advance guard of the white collar arrived some time ago in the little black-trimmed maid's tails, and the universal adoption of the old-fashioned linen collar itself seems imminent.

It has already encircled necks illustrious in the realm of fashion, and it may be taken for granted that it has come to stay. One does not need to be ventral to remember the time when a gown ungraced by white lace would be regarded as incomplete, and to be seen without a collar was to be seen in neglect equal to that of the collarless man today.

A touch of white about the throat is universally becoming, and when the edict of banishment was first decreed, women rebelled and vowed they would never succumb to a fashion so ugly.

But it is a well-known fact, so inexplicable otherwise that psychological influence must be inferred, that whatever the fashion looks ugly, regardless of intrinsic merits.

Bonbons for Sweethearts.

The bonbon boxes of this season are the most charming things imaginable. They have departed from the old conventional designs, and one may send to one's sweetheart nowadays the daintiest confectionery in baskets fairly riotous with summer flowers so like the real thing that one can scarcely believe them artificial. Lovers of more ingenious devices may send their abundance and nosegay, and chocolate creams in grand pianos or in the heart of a melon, according to their taste.

Clundera Dances.

The Clundera dances so much in vogue this winter have proved a most sensible innovation than most of the fads that are smiled upon by fashion. Ending, as they do, promptly at the "witching hour" of 12, they make it possible for business men to largely skip the time when the musical element of New York society to attend some social functions and yet reach the end of the season without an attack of nervous prostration.

Red Quilt Portieres.

Housewives who like to be original and to have something individual about their furnishings are using the old blue and white hand-woven bedquills of their grandmothers as portieres to the dell doors, which is now a feature in most fashionable homes. These rooms are generally furnished in white enameled furniture, with blue rugs and various knickknacks of blue drift, even the curtains helping to carry out the blue and white scheme.

FOR SATURDAY'S MARKET.

5 lbs. Best Butter Made, 51-30;